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LETTER DATED 21 SEPTEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform the Security Council of a hostile incident that took place at 2 a.m. on Thursday, 16 September 1999, in the demilitarized zone on Kuwait's borders when armed Iraqis opened fire on members of the Kuwait Border Guard. Two members of the Border Guard were killed near boundary pillar 70, inside Kuwaiti territory. They were: Master Sergeant Awwad Ramadan al-Zafiri; and Sergeant Abd Allah Nahyan al-Matiri.

This incident represents a breach of Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity and a violation of the demilitarized zone, and it may create further tension and undermine peace and security in the area.

We urge the Security Council to accord the necessary attention to such Iraqi aggression and to take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that it does not recur.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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